

## REMARKS

In connection with the above-identified patent application, the Examiner issued a request for an election of species dated January 9, 2007. The Examiner stated that Species I is shown in Figures 1-6 and 12-13 and that Species II is shown in Figures 7-11. The Examiner stated that the species are independent or distinct because they are not disclosed as being usable together and are therefore mutually exclusive. The Examiner also requested election of a subspecies as well.

The election requirement is respectfully traversed, and the Undersigned Representative respectfully requests reconsideration. Review of the claims directed to the disclosed invention does not impose a serious burden on the Examiner to be examined together. Thus, the election requirement is improper and is requested to be withdrawn.

Nonetheless, Species I, shown in Figures 1-6 and 12-13 is provisionally elected. Furthermore, subspecies Ia, as depicted in Figures 1-6 and directed to spiral micro pumps, is provisionally elected. Subspecies Ia is encompassed by claims 1-4, 10-12, 15-17 and 24-31.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,



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